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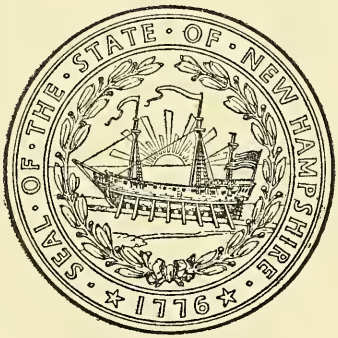

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
L. A. NETTLETON

Town Clerk
ILEENE A. MATTREWS

Selectmen
CARROLL D. MATTHEWS PAUL ADAMS
HARVEY ST. LAWRENCE

Highway Surveyor
PERLEY MATTHEWS

Treasurer
ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Tax Collector
CONSTANCE MATTHEWS

Land Agents
SELECTMEN

Librarian
ANNE NETTLETON

Police
ROLAND MATTHEWS

Health Officers
SELECTMEN

Auditors
ROLAND MATTHEWS
PERLEY WOODWARD

Trustee of Trust Funds
ZELMA WATTS

Library Trustees
L. A. NETTLETON
ILEENE A. MATTHEWS
ZELMA WATTS

Janitor
ROLAND MATTHEWS

Constable
ROLAND MATTHEWS

Fire Warden
ERNEST E. MATTHEWS

Deputy Wardens
CARROLL G. MATTHEWS
FLOYD COLBY

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next at three o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same in accordance with budget herewith attached.

3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount for prompt payment of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to continue plowing driveways with the present fee of $7.00.

5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deeds.

7. To see if the Town will vote to use $1,000 of the Total Highway Appropriations for the sealing of roads. The completion of the North Groton Road and other sections to be decided upon at this meeting.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of $200.00 for police patroling of Town roads in the summer months on weekends. Hours and time to be set by the Selectmen or at this meeting.

9. To see what action the Town will take on the following:

   a. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to relocate the entrance to the Town Dump or construct a three-sided fence around said Dump.

b. To see if the Town will vote to hire a custodian for the maintenance of the Town Dump. Hours and rate to be determined by the Selectmen or at this meeting.

10. To see what action the Town will take on the following:

a. To raise Town Officer's hourly rate from $1.33 to $1.50.

b. To determine the Tax Collector's salary on the basis of 1% of the total Property Tax Warrant.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install 2 street lights. (One in front of the Library and Selectmen's Office, and one at the corner of the Sculptured Rocks, Hebron and Groton road.)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed ($500.00) five hundred dollars, to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring land and/or buildings, or for building a new Town Hall at a future date.

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-five.

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS
PAUL ADAMS
HARVEY ST. LAWRENCE
Selectmen of Groton

A True copy of Warrant—Attest:

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS
PAUL ADAMS
HARVEY ST. LAWRENCE
Selectmen of Groton

NOTE: Polls will be open from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. There will be an open meeting at the Selectmen's office March 3rd at 7:30 for the purpose of discussing the Warrant and the budget.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	$294,525.00
Factory Machinery	600.00
Electric Plants	207,400.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers, 6	3,400.00
Stock in Trade	1,400.00
Boats and Launches, 6	700.00
Dairy Cows, 19	1,900.00
Other Cattle, 1	100.00
Poultry, 8,211	2,460.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed	$512,485.00
Less: Veterans' Exemptions and Neatstock and Poultry Exemptions	12,400.00
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate Is Computed	$500,085.00

Electric and Gas Utility Companies

New Hampshire Electric	$5,470.00
New England Power	201,630.00
White Mountain Power	300.00
Total	$207,400.00
Inventories distributed in 1964	100
Inventories returned in 1964	75
Veterans who received property exemptions	12
Veterans exempted from poll tax	15

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1965 to December 31, 1965. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1964.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Yr. 1964	Actual Revenue Previous Yr. 1964	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1965
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$60.00	$64.79	$60.00
Savings Bank Tax	10.00	14.45	10.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	35.95	('63)35.95 ('64)31.86	30.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		7.22	
T.R.A.		5.57	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	50.00	50.40	50.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	75.00	74.38	75.00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equipment	150.00	241.20	200.00
Duncan Fund	971.01	971.01	975.97
Bounties	12.00	21.00	10.00
Refund from School Tax	246.59	248.09	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	550.00	567.07	550.00
Insurance Adjustment		78.78	
Cash Surplus			4,005.83
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular at $2	100.00	110.00	100.00
Yield Taxes	400.00	641.81	450.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	$2,660.55	$3,163.58	$6,516.80
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes	~~$19,948.86~~	18,305.11	

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Yr.	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Yr.	Overdraft
	1964	1964	1965	
Cur. Maint. Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	$1,200.00	$1,103.20	$1,200.00	$96.80
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	583.10	700.00	116.90
Election and Registration Exp.	350.00	277.67	200.00	72.33
Expenses, Town buildings	600.00	329.92	600.00	270.08
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Department	50.00	50.00	250.00	
Fire Department	150.00	81.59	150.00	68.41
Insurance	300.00	278.52	300.00	21.48
Damages and Legal Exp.	50.00		50.00	50.00
Health:				
Health Dept. incl. hospitals	25.00		25.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	2.00	5.00	3.00
Town Dump	200.00	97.00	500.00	103.00
Highways and Bridges:				
Town maintenance—summer plus Duncan Fund	3,971.01	3,809.31	3,975.97	161.70
Town Maint.—winter	1,500.00	1,671.95	1,500.00	(171.95)
Street Lighting			102.00	
Gen. ex., highway dept.	1,000.00	381.63	1,000.00	618.37
Town Road Aid	243.33	272.55	241.52	(29.22)
Libraries	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Public Welfare:				
Town Poor	50.00	41.11	50.00	8.89
Old Age Assistance	1,600.00	1,343.35	1,500.00	256.65
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Advertising and Regional Assn.	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Interest:	50.00	90.00	50.00	(40.00)
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
Payment to Capital Res. Fund			500.00	
County Taxes	1,200.00	1,227.88	1,200.00	(27.88)
School Taxes	9,015.07	8,930.66	10,374.42	84.41
Total Expenditures	$22,609.41	$20,921.44	$24,821.91	$1,687.97

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	$1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	350.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	600.00
Police Department	50.00
Fire Department	150.00
Insurance	300.00
Damages and Legal Exp. (Dog Damage)	50.00
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	200.00
Town Maintenance— (Summer $3,971.01) (Winter $1,500.00)	5,471.01
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	243.33
Libraries	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,600.00
Public Relief (Town Poor)	50.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	50.00
Payment on Debt (Interest)	50.00
Total Town Appropriations	$12,394.34

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	$64.79
Savings Bank Tax	14.45
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	35.95

Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	531.30	
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	75.00	
Dog Licenses	50.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	550.00	
Rent of Town Prop. and Equipment	150.00	
Poll Taxes at $2.00 — No. 55	110.00	
Cash Surplus (see note)*	1,000.00	
Other Revenue:		
Duncan Fund	971.01	
Refund from School Taxes	246.59	
Bounties	12.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		$3,811.09
Net Town Appropriations		$8,583.28
Net School Appropriations— Newfound Area $8,387.67 + ($500.00) Def. Fund		8,887.67
County Tax Assessment		1,227.88
Total of Town, School & County		$18,698.80
Add: Overlay		804.51
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		$19,503.31

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	$19,503.31
Poll Taxes at $2.00	110.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	$19,613.31

Tax Rate $3.90

$500,085.00 x $3.90 = $19,503.31

* Cash Surplus — Difference between CASH balance and current liabilities excluding long term debt as of Dec. 31.

TOWN OF GROTON	BALANCE
—— ASSETS ——	
Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	$4,005.83
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
Bounties	.50
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1962	12.40
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1964	2,108.22
Levy of 1963	22.78
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1964	130.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	5.00
Total Assets	$6,284.73
Grand Total	$6,284.73
Surplus, December 31, 1963	4,856.61
Surplus, December 31, 1964	6,150.52
Increase of Surplus	$1,293.91

SHEET **DECEMBER 31, 1964**

—— LIABILITIES ——

Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1964 (Uncollected)	$130.00
Yield Tax—Bond & Debt Retirement	
(Uncollected $25.24) (Collected—not remitted to State Treas. $31.33)	4.21
Total Liabilities	$134.21
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	6,150.52
Grand Total	$6,284.73

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$2,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,100.00
Equipment	4,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Town Dump	200.00
Selectmen's Office	1,000.00
	$17,900.00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Received from Auto Permits		
Auto Permit Fees Collected		$567.07
Received from Dog Licenses:		
Dog Tax Collected	$55.00	
Less Clerk's Fees	4.60	
		$50.60
Paid to the Treasurer		$617.67

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1964

—— Debits ——

Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	$19,563.98		
Poll Taxes	110.00		
Total Warrant		$19,673.98	
Yield Taxes		637.56	
Added Taxes:			
Poll Taxes	$6.00		
		6.00	
Interest Collected		.57	
Total Debits			$20,318.11

—— Credits ——

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	$17,090.59		
Poll Taxes	72.00		
Yield Taxes	612.32		
Interest Collected	.57		
		$17,775.48	
Refund		23.02	
		$17,752.46	
Discount Allowed		415.81	
Abatements:			
Property Taxes		41.62	
Uncollected Taxes—As Per Collector's List:			
Property Taxes	$2,036.98		
Poll Taxes	46.00		
Yield Taxes	25.24		
		$2,108.22	
Total Credits			$20,318.11

Levy of 1963

—— Debits ——

Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1964:			
Property Taxes	$2,097.18		
Poll Taxes	36.00		
Added Poll	4.00		
Yield Taxes	23.07		
		$2,160.25	
Interested Collected During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1964		79.60	
Total Debits			$2,239.85

—— Credits ——

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1964:			
Property Taxes	$2,097.18		
Poll Taxes	36.00		
Yield Taxes	4.29		
Interest Collected During Yr.	79.60		
		$2,217.07	
Uncollected Taxes—As Per Collector's List:			
Yield Tax	$18.78		
Poll Taxes	4.00		
		$22.78	
Total Credits			$2,239.85

Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax
Levy of 1964

—— Debits ——

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Original Warrant	$350.00		
Added Taxes	10.00		
Total Commitment		$360.00	
Penalties Collected		1.50	
Total Debits			$361.50

—— Credits ——

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Head Taxes	$220.00		
Penalties	1.50		
		$221.50	
Abatements		10.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes—As Per Collector's List		130.00	
Total Credits			361.50

Summary of Warrant

State Head Tax

Levy of 1963

—— Debits ——

Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1964	$105.00	
Added Taxes During 1964	15.00	
Penalties Collected During 1964	14.50	
Total Debits		$134.50

—— Credits ——

Remittances to Treasurer During 1964:			
Head Taxes	$115.00		
Penalties	14.50		
		$129.50	
Uncollected Head Taxes—As Per Collector's List		5.00	
Total Credits			$134.50

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1964

—— Debits ——

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:	
	1963	*1962*
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	$156.25	$14.15
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes—January 1, 1964		12.40
Interest Collected After Sale	.98	.35
Redemption Costs	.25	.25
Total Debits	$157.48	$27.15

—— Credits ——

Remittances to Treas. During Yr.	$157.48	$14.75
Unredeemed Taxes—At Close of Yr.		12.40
Total Credits	$157.48	$27.15

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales On Account of Levies of:

1962
$12.40

REPORT OF TREASURER

Receipts:
Constance Matthews, Collector:

1964 Property Tax	$17,090.59
1964 Polls	72.00
1964 Yield Tax	612.32
1964 Head Tax	220.00
Penalties	1.50
1964 Interest	.57
1963 Property Tax	1,951.98
1963 Polls	36.00
1963 Yield Tax	4.29
1963 Head Tax	115.00
Penalties	11.50
1963 Interest	72.30
Previous years, including Property, Poll, Head and Yield Taxes	33.00
Previous years interest	1.51
Taxes Redeemed	172.23
Taxes Bought by the Town	145.20
Interest	7.30

State of New Hampshire:

Reimbursement a/c Forest Lands (1963)	35.95
Reimbursement a/c TRA	5.57
Bounties	21.00
Duncan Fund	971.01
Interest and Dividends Tax	64.79
Savings Bank Tax	14.45
Reimbursement a/c Forest Lands	31.86
State Share Forest Fire Service	7.22

Rent of Equipment:		
Plowing Drives		238.00
Ernest Matthews, Warden, Rent of Truck		3.20
Pemigewasset National Bank		
Temporary Loan		6,000.00
James Craddock, Copy of Deed		1.50
John Ray, Return on Insurance Premiums		78.78
Groton School District, Refund on Overpayment		246.59
Town Clerk:		
Auto Permit Fees		567.07
Dog Tax		50.40
Total Receipts		$28,884.68
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1964		2,644.34
Grand Total		$31,529.02
Payments:		
Selectmen's Orders Paid	$27,522.77	
Bank Service Charge	.42	
		$27,523.19
Balance		$4,005.83

Respectively Submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS, Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes: (Collected and remitted to Treasurer)

Property Taxes—Current year 1964	$17,090.59	
Poll Taxes—Current year 1964	72.00	
Yield Taxes—1964	612.32	
State Head Taxes at $5—1964	220.00	
Total Current Years' Taxes Collected and Remitted	————	$17,994.91
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes Prev. Yrs.		2,127.47
Poll Taxes Previous Years		38.00
State Head Taxes at $5 Prev. Years		120.00
Interest received on Taxes		81.68
Penalties on State Head Taxes		13.00
Tax sales redeemed		172.23

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:	
For Town Road Aid	5.57
For Class V Highway maintenance	971.01
Interest and dividends tax	64.79
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	14.45
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	67.81
Fighting Forest Fires	7.22
Bounties	21.00

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses		50.40
Rent of town property		241.20
Motor vehicle permits (1963—$1.15) (1964—$565.92)		567.07
Total Current Revenue Receipts		$22,557.81

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	$6,000.00	
Insurance adjustments	78.78	
Refunds	248.09	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		$6,326.87
Total Receipts from All Sources		$28,884.68
Cash on hand January 1, 1964		2,644.34
Grand Total		$31,529.02

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$1,103.20	
Town Officers' Expenses	583.10	
Election and Registration Expenses	277.67	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	329.92	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	50.00	
Fire Department, Inc'l. Forest Fires	81.59	
Insurance	278.52	
Bounties	9.50	
Health:		
Vital Statistics	2.00	
Down Dump and Garbage Removal	97.00	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	272.55	
Town Maintenance (Summer $3,722.46) (Winter $1,548.30)	5,270.76	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	381.63	
Libraries:	200.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	1,343.35	
Town Poor	41.11	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	100.00	
Unclassified:		
Advertising and Region Assoc.	50.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	156.25	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	22.02	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$10,860.67

Interest:

Paid on Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes			90.00

Indebtedness:

Payments on Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes			6,000.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes Paid State Treas.			
1964 Taxes	$182.00		
Prior Years	$132.80		
		$317.80	
Payment to State a/c Yield Tax Debt Retirement		96.18	
Taxes paid to County		1,227.88	
Payments to School Districts			
1963 Tax	$627.40		
1964 Tax	$8,303.26		
		$8,930.66	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions			$10,572.52
Total Payments for All purposes			$27,523.19
Cash on Hand December 31, 1964			4,005.83
Grand Total			$31,529.02

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Carroll D. Matthews, Selectman	$400.00
Paul Adams, Selectman	150.00
Harvey St. Lawrence, Selectman	150.00
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	200.00
Constance Matthews, Tax Collector	150.00
Roland Matthews, Auditor	26.60
Perley Woodward, Auditor	26.60
	$1,103.20

Town Officers' Expenses

Roland Matthews, Auditor's Expenses	$2.70
Association of N. H. Assessors, Dues	5.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Tax Collector's Book	3.22
Bristol Enterprise, Town Reports	256.90
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags	4.91
Carroll D. Matthews, Selectman's Expenses	12.69
Cardigan Sport Store, 1 Stapler & Staples	2.64
Genevra Langher, Town Clerk Dues	3.00
N. H. Tax Collector's Dues (1963 & 1964)	6.00
Harris Brothers, Selectmen's Office Supplies	5.77
Cardigan Sport Store, Selectmen's Office Supplies	6.09
Prescott Lumber, selectmen's office supplies	17.49
Charles Wood, Transfers	4.60
Bristol Enterprise, Selectmen's Notices	6.00
Constance Matthews, Tax Collector Expenses	19.60
Charles Wood, Copy of Deed	1.50
Enterprise Press, Checklists	32.15
Brown & Saltmarsh, Tax Collectors' Books	9.40
Brown & Saltmarsh, 500 Voucher Checks	29.68
Brown & Saltmarsh, Payroll Sheets, 5 Pads	10.73
Brown & Saltmarsh, 3 Doz. Warrants	3.26
Brown & Saltmarsh, Appointment Blanks	2.74

Sargent Brothers, Tax Collector's Books	28.25
Charles Wood, Transfers	6.25
Connor Durgin, Repair Adding Machine	17.30
Branham Pub. Co., Auto Ref. Guide Book	7.65
Ileene Matthews, Clerk's Expenses	77.16
Service Charge	.42
	$583.10

Election and Registration

Laurie Nettleton, Moderator	$25.94
Anne Nettleton, Ballot Clerk	13.30
Perley Woodward, Ballot Clerk	13.30
Beatrice Smith, Ballot Clerk	6.65
Ellen Matthews, Ballot Clerk	13.30
Constance Matthews, ballot clerk	13.30
Lillian Colby, Supervisor's Check List	57.28
Ernest Matthews, Supervisor's Check List	53.87
Yvonne Stevens, Supervisor's Check List	51.20
Prescott Lumber, Lumber for Ballot Booths	16.78
Bristol Enterprise, Ballots	12.75
	$277.67

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Roland Matthews, Janitor	$13.30
Bun Swett, Space Heater and Tank	234.90
N. H. Electric Coop., Lights	8.04
Bun Swett, Oil for Selectmen's Office	62.36
Constance Matthews, Janitor's Service	3.32
Carroll G. Matthews, Moving Town House Yard	8.00
	$329.92

Police

Roland Matthews	$50.00

Fire Department

State of New Hampshire, Forest Fire Equipment	$34.40
Ernest Matthews, Posting Warrants	14.44
Hebron Fire Dept., Frank Bryar Fire	32.75
	$81.59

Bounties

Carroll D. Matthews, Selectmen	$3.50
Edward Smith	4.00
Zelma Watts	2.00
	$9.50

Winter Road

Perley Matthews, Labor	$568.00
Vernon Matthews, Labor	28.50
Ernest Matthews, Labor	528.50
Ernest Matthews, Sand	4.60
Frank Matthews, Labor	28.50
James Albert, Labor	7.50
Donald Colby, Labor	18.00
Calvin Colby, Labor	99.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	52.00
Lewis Albert, Tractor	39.50
Raymond Davis, Tractor	10.00
Floyd Colby, Jeep	36.00
Barnard's Garage	3.35
Norton Braley, Gas and Oil	248.50
	$1,671.95

Summer Road

Perley Matthews, Labor	$424.00
Perley Matthews, Tractor	118.00
Perley Matthews, Truck	75.00
Perley Matthews, Gravel	16.50
Vernon Matthews, Labor	24.00

Ernest Matthews, Labor	241.50
Ernest Matthews, Gravel	14.50
Carroll G. Matthews, Labor	39.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	488.50
Carroll G. Matthews, Sand	6.50
Edward Butterfield, Labor	240.00
Milton Woodward, Labor	16.50
Perley Woodward, Labor	4.50
L. M. Pike, Cold Patch	152.89
R. P. Williams, Planks	23.98
Norton Braley, Gas and Oil	61.86
Campton Sand & Gravel, Cold Patch	67.08
	$2,014.31

Duncan Fund

Perley Matthews, Labor	$123.20
Perley Matthews, Tractor	24.00
Perley Matthews, Truck	144.00
Perley Matthews, Gravel	17.00
Ernest Matthews, Labor	39.00
Ernest Matthews, Gravel	35.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	289.00
Edward Butterfield, Labor	66.00
Raymond Davis, Tractor	80.00
Norton Braley, Gas and Oil	43.51
	$860.71

Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire (town share)	$1,343.35

Library

Ileene A. Matthews, Treasurer	$200.00

Town Poor

Surplus Food	$41.11

Cemeteries

Harvey St. Lawrence, Mowing	$100.00

Advertising and Regional Association

Myla K. Doran, Treasurer	$50.00

Taxes Bought by Town

Constance Matthews, Collector	$156.25

Discounts, Abatements & Refunds

Constance Matthews, Collector, Refund on Taxes	$22.02

Insurance

John C. Ray	$278.52

Health

Ileene A. Matthews, Vital Statistics	$2.00

Temporary Loans

Pemigewasset National Bank, 6 mo. Note and Interest	$6,090.00

State and County

State of N. H., Bond & Debt, Retirement Tax	$96.18
Lawrence M. Colby, Treasurer of County Tax	1,227.88
State of N. H., Head Taxes	317.80
	$1,641.86

School District

Groton School District, Deficiency Raised in Town Meeting	$500.00
Newfound Area School District, Appro. for 1963-64	127.40
Newfound Area School District, Appro. for 1964-65	8,303.26
	$8,930.66

Sealing North End Road

Perley Matthews, Labor	$46.40
Perley Matthews, Truck	24.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	92.50
Carroll G. Matthews, Sand	2.00
Vernon Matthews, Labor	15.00
Nicholas Adams, Labor	15.00

Roland Matthews, Labor	15.00
Ernest Matthews, Sand	5.00
Frank Matthews, Labor	3.00
Edward Butterfield, Labor	12.00
Perley Woodward, Labor	13.50
Norton Braley, Gas and Oil	19.51
Town of Alexandria, Grader	63.00
N.H. Bituminous, 2,600 gal. M.C. No. 800 Tar	608.38
	934.29

Town Dump

Ernest Matthews, Labor	$16.00
Perley Matthews, Labor	6.00
Richard Merrill, Bulldozing Dump	25.00
Raymond Davis, Bulldozing Dump	50.00
	$97.00

General Expense of Highway Dept.

R. C. Hazelton Co., Wing and Plow Blade	$57.38
R. C. Hazelton Co., Cutfine edge	21.58
R. C. Hazelton Co., Plow Blade	33.03
Bartlett Auto, Highway Expense	5.67
Bartlett Auto, Wing Block Repair	30.91
Webster Motors, Truck Service	9.74
Webster Motors, Inspection and Repairs	54.03
Webster Motors, Truck Service	43.63
J. E. Falton Motors, Transportation Expense	3.40
Arnold Barnard, Parts and Service	44.26
Arnold Barnard, 2 Rams	78.00
	$381.63

T. R. A.

State of N. H., Town Share	$243.33
State of N. H., Bal. of Sealing	29.22
	$272.55

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N.H. ON DEC. 31, 1964

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Bal. Prin. End of Year	Bal. Inc. Beg. of Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Balance End of Year
Unknown	Cyrus Blood Fund	Care of lot of Cyrus Blood in Rolfe Hill Cem.	The Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank	$50.00	$47.97	$4.04	none	$52.01
Unknown	George Hall Fund	Care of lot in Union Cemetery	The Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank	100.00	73.63	7.22	none	80.85
Unknown	N. Groton Cemetery Fund	Care of Cemetery	The Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank	231.98	6.87	9.92		16.79

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ZELMA G. WATTS,

January 9, 1965

Trustee

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge andbelief.

ROLAND MATTHEWS
PERLEY WOODWARD
Auditors

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Books owned January, 1964		2337
Books added by State of N. H.	1	
Library	3	
Gifts	1	
		5
Books Borrowed from Bookmobile:		
Adult Fiction Loaned	108	
Non-Fiction	27	
Juvenile	9	
		144
Services:		
Volumes of Adult Fiction Loaned	248	
Volumes of Non-Fiction	35	
Volumes of Juvenile	207	
Total Circulation		490
Regular Borrowers	14	
New Borrowers	8	
		22
Cash Statement:		
On Hand January 1964		$ .79
Received from Fines		.41
Balance on Hand January 1965		$1.20

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Payments Jan. 1, 1964 to Dec. 31, 1964

Anne Nettleton, Salary	$114.88
Gayle Stevens, Cleaning Library	4.00
Vernon Matthews, Janitor	23.50
Readers Digest, Books and Subscription Renewal	13.93
Farm Bureau Insurance	21.63
N. H. Electric Corpor., Inc., Electricity	30.00
Anne Nettleton, Postage, lock, stove pipe	3.77
Check Book	2.00
Total Payments	$213.71
Balance	85.94
	$299.65

Receipts Jan. 1, 1964 to Dec. 31, 1964

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1964	$99.65
Selectmen, Appropriation	200.00
Total	$299.65

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Library Treasurer

PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINE

1964

New Colony Corner

The perambulation crew proceeded up the Old Harvey Smith Road to the Groton-Orange line, which is just beyond a small brook bed and not quite up to the Harvey Smith home site.

A wooden stake located on the east side of the road was painted orange. The crew then followed a stone wall for a short distance going down hill—east—to Atwell brook, crossing same twice, thence same course up steep grade to land that levels off following the Groton-Orange line to New Colony Corner, so called, this being northwest corner of Alexandria, also a corner for Groton and Orange.

By agreement the undersigned met and perambulated to the above corner. Blazes on witness trees were renewed and stake and stones painted.

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS
Selectman Groton

FLETCHER M. DeWOLFE
HOWARD W. BASSETT
Selectmen Alexandria

GEORGE A. DAY
Alexandria

KENNETH PATTEN
Alexandria (for Orange)

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

The 1964 forest fire season surpassed the record year of 1963 in both length and severity. For the second successive year, we experienced a rainfall deficiency of more than ten inches and the compounding of such drought conditions, together with the many days of strong, dry winds, characterized 1964 as one of the most hazardous years in the past half century. Although our fire season was three weeks longer than that of 1963, the number of fires showed only a slight increase and more remarkable was the fact that the area burned dropped from 2280 acres in 1963 to 900 acres in 1964. Early detection and rapid response kept many potential fire disasters from becoming reality. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the men in this community who responded and fought our fires so efficiently. Our state is now 86% wooded and its economy—both industrial and recreational—is greatly dependent on this forest resource. The responsibility for adequate fire protection of this great area —4,350.00 acres—is everyone's responsibility and prevention is one of our most effective tools.

Prevention is good common sense.

1. Take your rubbish to the town dump. If you must burn, obtain a permit and watch your fire until it is dead out.
2. Instruct your children in fire safety. Keep matches from young children. Explain to them the dangers of lighting matches and making outdoor fires.
3. Be sure discarded smoking material and matches are out.

A major portion of our preventable fires this year are chargeable to three causes: (1) permit fires allowed to escape; (2) children playing with matches; and (3) smokers.

Let's be mindful of the fact that all such fires endanger property and lives.

We wish to thank you for your very fine cooperation during the past fire season and with your continued cooperation we are confident that we can improve our fire record in 1965.

Number of fires and burned area in 1964

	Fires	*Area-Acres*
State	886	875
District	78	112
Town	0	0

GERALD GOSS
District Chief

ERNEST E. MATTHEWS
Warden

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

336 Central Street
Franklin, N. H.
January 19, 1965

Office of Selectmen
Groton, N. H.

Dear Sirs:

This is a brief report of some of the activities that your state public health nurse has carried out during the year 1964 within the area in which your town is located. Please have this included in your town report.

Home visits were made to all age groups for health supervision, nursing care, referrals, and so forth in each and every town.

Immunization Clinics were held in the towns of Bristol, Franklin, Newbury, Sutton, Salisbury, Wilmot, Grafton, Hill, and Northfield.

A Chest Xray Clinic was held in Franklin in February.

A preschool Dental Fluoride Clinic was held in Canaan in June. All preschool children in Grafton were invited to reap the benefits of this clinic.

Your state public health nurse is in her office from 8:30 a. m. to 9:30 a. m. Monday through Friday. The telephone number is Franklin 934-2329. Please call or write if any problem arises.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSEMARY HAWKINS

Public Health Nurse

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Separate Tax Rates to Be Printed
On 1964 Tax Bills (RSA 76:11-a)

Town of Groton

Unit of Government	*Rates*
Municipal	$1.87
County	.25
School	1.78
Combined Rate (Non-Precincts & Single School Districts—Towns or cities)	$3.90

Chapter 15, Laws of 1959 amends RSA 76 by inserting after section 11 the following new section: 76:11-a *Information Required.* The tax bill which is sent to every person taxed, or his agent, if known, as provided in section 11, shall show the rate for municipal, school and county taxes separately. Any town, through its selectmen, may request that the tax commission compute the rates which will appear on the tax bills as provided hereunder and upon said request the tax commission shall furnish the required information.

A combined or total rate is shown above for those towns with a single school district and with no precincts or village districts. It is recommended that the combined rate be shown on each tax bill in addition to the separate rates. Precinct and multiple school district towns and cities should also arrange their tax bills so that each taxpayer will know his total tax rate as well as the rate breakdown.

State Tax Commission

RANTON B. CHANDLER
Commissioner

July 30, 1964.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

In Plymouth, N. H., July 24, 1964, to Albert Russell Conkey, Jr. and Ethel Walker Conkey, a daughter, Nancy Lea.

Deaths

In Rochester, N. H., Aug. 30, 1964, Emily Patterson, aged 77 years.

In Grafton County, Sept. 4, 1964, Joseph C. Peters, aged 78 years.

In Concord, N. H., Nov. 2, 1964, Fred G. Waldron, aged 87 years.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS
Town Clerk